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Case No. 10022-415

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

WINTER, et al.

Serial No: 09/421,713

Filed: October 20, 1999

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
FACILITATING, COORDINATING  
AND MANAGING A  
COMPETITIVE MARKETPLACE

Examiner: Abdi, Kambiz

Group Art Unit: 3621

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.



Applicant is:



a small entity, verified statement is:

attached  
 already filed

other than small entity

The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:

Attached is a check for the § 1.17(e) fee.

Charge the § 1.17(e) fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.  
A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submission(s) is(are) filed herewith:

An Information Disclosure Statement

A copy of the Amendment as filed on January 21, 2004 but not entered

New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

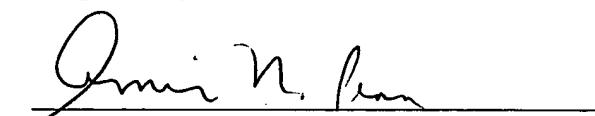
A petition and fee for an extension of the time is enclosed herewith.

A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.

Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 15, 2004

  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 10022-415
Serial No. 09/421,713	Filing Date October 20, 1999	Examiner Abdi, Kambiz	Group Art Unit 3621
Inventor(s) Winter, et al.			
Title of Invention METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING, COORDINATING AND MANAGING A COMPETITIVE MARKETPLACE			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith are Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); RCE (37 CFR § 1.114) (in duplicate); Copy of Response to Office Action filed January 21, 2004; Check for \$770.00; and Return Postcard.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
Total	39	Minus	41	
Indep.	5	Minus	5	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim				

Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9=		x \$18=	
x 43=		x \$86=	
+\$145=		+\$290=	
Total add'l fee	\$	Total add'l fee	\$

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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